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EO 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: SNAR UN LA
SUBJECT: VISIT OF SWEDISH AMBASSADOR OBERG TO LAOS

REF: BANGKOK 4779, STATE 43009

1. SWEDISH AMBASSADOR OBERG, ACCOMPANIES BY BO LEWIN, NARCOTICS ATTACHE AT SWEDISH EMBASSY BANGKOK, CALLED ON POLITICAL COUNSELOR FEB 24 IN CONNECTION WITH A FORTHCOMING TRIP THEY ARE MAKING TO VIENTIANE. (OBERG IS ACCREDITED TO BOTH THAILAND AND LAOS AND WILL BE MAKING A ROUND OF CALLS ON LAO MFA OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS OTHER FIGURES IN LPDG.) OBERG SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ROBERTS IN VIENTIANE TUESDAY MORNING, FEB 28, AND WE UNDERTOOK TO PASS THIS REQUEST TO EMBASSY VIENTIANE.

2. OBERG EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE LAO GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRAFFIC, AS BEARING ON SWEDISH SUPPORT FOR THE UNFDAC PROGRAM IN LAOS. HE RECALLED OUR CONVERSATION WITH HIM FEB 9 (REF A). WE NOTED THAT WE HAD REPORTED HIS INTEREST IN THIS MATTER TO THE DEPT., WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL EXPRESS ITS CONCERN DIRECTLY TO STOCKHOLM (PARA 4, REF B). OBERG SAID HE HAD NOT RPT NOT YET HEARD OF THE MATTER BEING TAKEN UP IN STOCKHOLM AND ASSUMED THIS HAD NOT

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YET TAKEN PLACE.

3. OBERG SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO INTRODUCE SWEDISH NARCOTICS ATTACHE BO LEWIN TO LAO OFFICIALS IN VIENTIANE AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE CONCERN WHICH SWEDEN FEELS FOR THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM. LEWIN INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH DEA BANGKOK AFTER HE RETURNS FROM VIENTIANE.

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